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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Alameda – US Postal Service Investigating Explosive Device**

(U) US Postal inspectors are investigating a package that was delivered to a home in Alameda and subsequently detonated, injuring one woman. The owner of the home is a police officer, neighbors indicate. Details are not currently available of where the parcel was mailed from and why. The ATF, Alameda County Sheriff's Department, and Alameda Police are assisting in the case.

SOURCE: 26 November 2017, [KGO-TV San Francisco](#)

(U) Santa Ana – California Lawyer Admits to Running \$50M Visa Scam

(U) A Southern California attorney pleaded guilty yesterday to running a scam that authorities say collected more than \$50 million from wealthy Chinese investors seeking green cards. Victoria Chan, 35, admitted she filed about 130 such applications for green cards, promising that investors in exchange would establish numerous job-creating construction projects. Authorities said no such projects were established and no new jobs created. Chan faces up to 45 years in prison when she is sentenced 9 July in federal court on visa fraud, wire fraud, and money laundering charges.

SOURCE: 27 November 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Santa Clara – Drone Pilot Arrested for Dropping Leaflets Over NFL Games

(U) A drone enthusiast with a strong dislike of television news was arrested on 26 November after using a drone to float anti-media leaflets over NFL crowds at both Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara and the Coliseum in Oakland during the 49ers and Raiders games. It is illegal to fly a drone within five miles of an airport, and both Levi's Stadium and the Coliseum respectively meets that criteria; there are also city ordinances in place that prohibits flying a drone within 500 yards of both facilities.

SOURCE: 27 November 2017, [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Florida – Man Sentenced for Jewish Center Bomb Plot**

(U) Miami – A Florida man will be hospitalized for psychiatric treatment and likely serve 25 years in prison for plotting to bomb a synagogue and Jewish school center during Passover last year. A Miami federal judge ordered that sentence today on 41-year-old James Medina, who pleaded guilty to a religious hate crime and attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction. FBI recordings showed Medina supported ISIS and claimed an obligation to attack Jews in the US.

SOURCE: 28 November 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Australia – Man Arrested for Planning New Year's Eve Massacre**

(U) Melbourne – A man has been charged with terrorism offenses after allegedly plotting to conduct a mass shooting at Melbourne's Federation Square on New Year's Eve. Ali Khalif Shire Ali, 20, from Werribee, was arrested yesterday after being the subject of a months-long investigation. Authorities

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stated Ali has known ties to other extremists and had accessed documents produced by al-Qa'ida, including a "guidebook" on how to commit a terrorist act and how to use firearms. Ali is scheduled to face his charges in court in March.

SOURCE: 27 November 2017, [ABC News Australia](#)

(U) Saudi Arabia – More Than 40 Islamic Countries Meet to Counter Terrorism Threat

(U) Riyadh — In the wake of the Egyptian terrorist event in Bir al-Abed on 24 November, the Arab Counterterrorism Alliance created by Saudi crown prince Mohammed bin Salman met for first time this week in Saudi Arabia. The crown prince, who is also defense minister, created the Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition in 2015 to defeat extremists in response to the growing threat of ISIS and criticism that Islamic countries were not doing enough to counter religious extremism.

SOURCE: 28 November 2017, [Independent UK](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Arizona – Fentanyl Seizures Skyrocket at AZ Border**

(U) Nogales – Fentanyl seizures at Arizona ports of entry jumped from 20 pounds in fiscal 2016 to nearly 140 pounds in fiscal 2017, according to US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data. About 950 pounds of fentanyl were seized nationwide by CBP from October 2016 to the end of August 2017, more than double the 440 pounds seized in fiscal 2016. Before fiscal 2016, the ports of entry in Arizona had no fentanyl seizures.

SOURCE: 26 November 2017, [Arizona Daily Star](#)

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